

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Michael Kramer, Donald J. Kadyk, and Neil S. Fishman, declare: that we are all citizens of the United States; that our residences and post office addresses are 29 Fanshaw Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10705; 20022 34th Avenue SE, Bothell, Washington 98012; and 23710 22nd Drive SE, Bothell, Washington 98012, respectively; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled "ESTABLISHING A SECURE CONNECTION WITH A PRIVATE CORPORATE NETWORK OVER A PUBLIC NETWORK," for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

We hereby appoint as our attorneys and/or patent agents all listed under Customer No. 022913; and DANIEL D. CROUSE, Registration No. 32,022; and KATIE SAKO, Registration No. 32,628, of MICROSOFT CORPORATION, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052, with full power to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark

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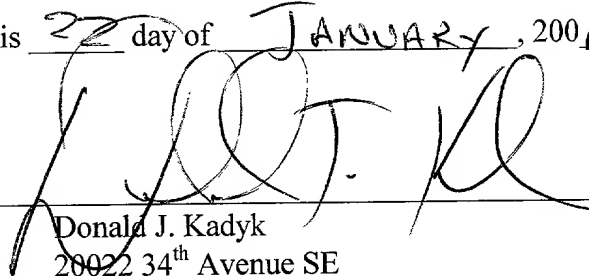
Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed at Redmond, WA this 4th day of January, 2001.

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